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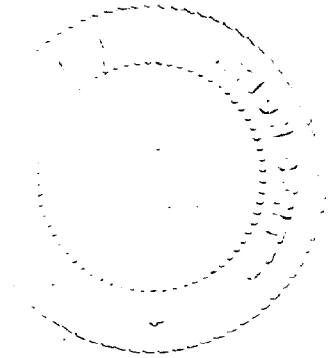
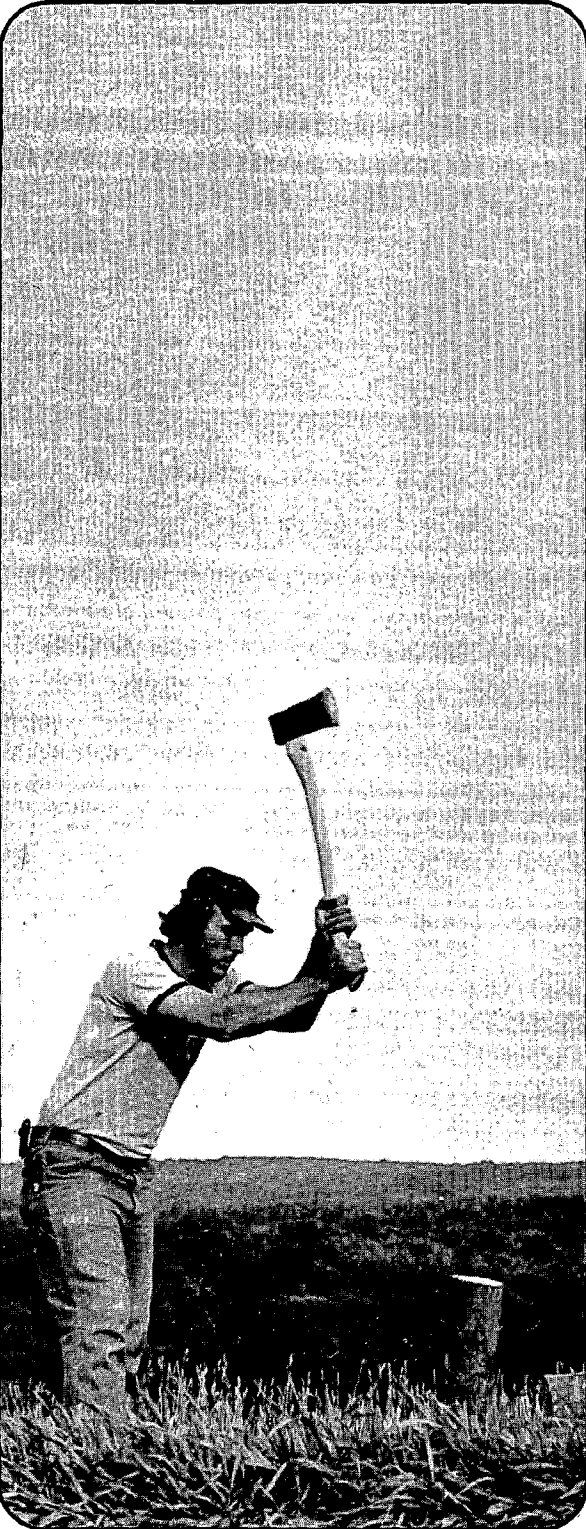
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Introduction

The Land Use Handbook is intended to help you understand Maine's land use laws and make the best use of your land.

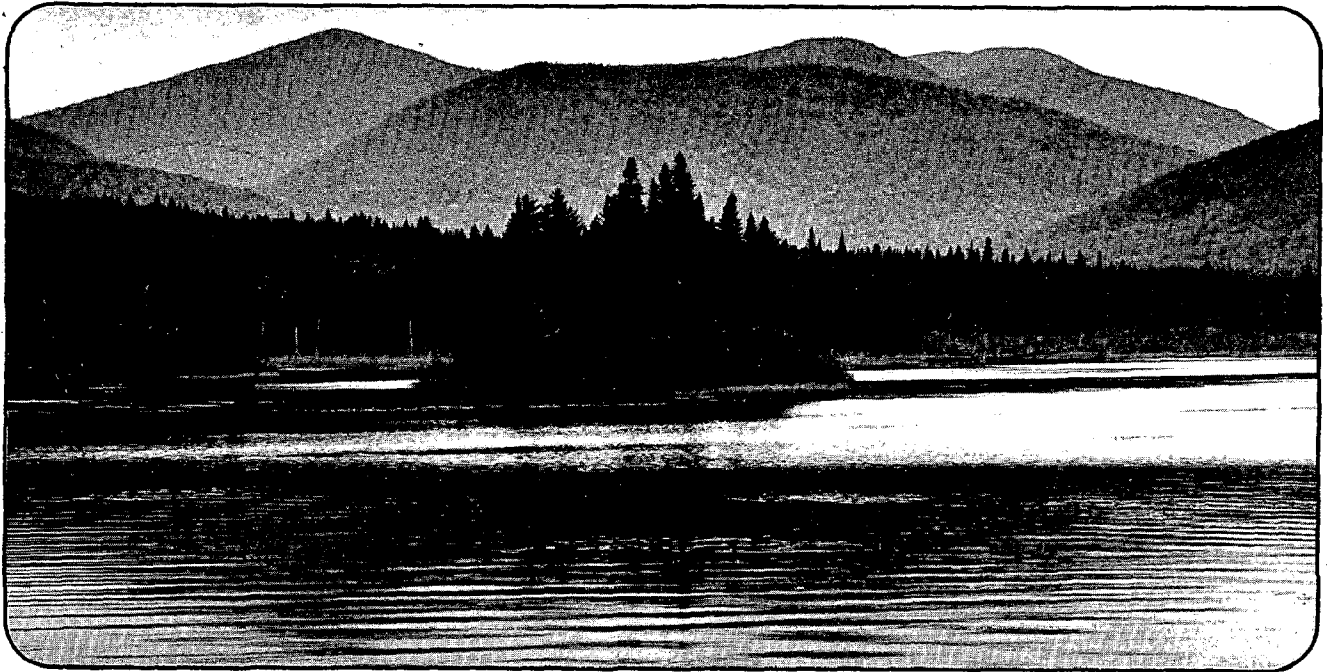
Section 1 is a guide to the Handbook as a whole. It contains a brief table of contents on pages 2 and 3 and a comprehensive index by subjects on pages 4 through 8.

Sections 2 through 4 of the Handbook will tell you how to find information about land use; what the basic Maine laws are that govern land use; how and why this Commission regulates land use in Maine's unorganized territory, and how to go about obtaining a Building Permit to build in this area. The last two sections of the Handbook, 5 and 6, present design ideas for homeowners and builders and proven methods to control erosion on woodlots.

We hope the Land Use Handbook will give you ideas and information that will save you money and add to your enjoyment of your land.

The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

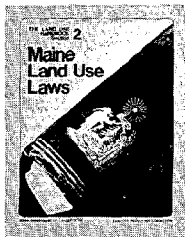
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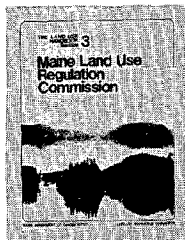


Maine Land Use Laws

Section 2 explains most of the important laws that relate to land use and building in Maine.

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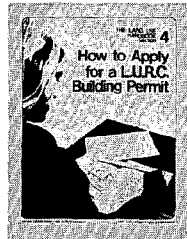


Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (L.U.R.C.)

Section 3 describes how the Land Use Regulation Commission, the agency responsible for planning and zoning the 10.5 million acres of Maine's unorganized territory, works.

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How to Apply for a L.U.R.C. Building Permit

Section 4 is written for people who are planning to build a house or camp on land in the unorganized townships or plantations. It has three parts: an explanation of the building permit application procedure; an explanation of how to prepare the application; and information on other regulations affecting people planning to build a house or camp.

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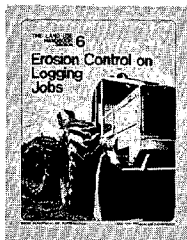


Design Ideas

Section 5 discusses things to consider when siting a home, subdividing land, designing a sign, or working a sand or gravel pit. It has four parts. The first discusses how to plan a home on the land and things to consider before you build it. The second part tells how to design a small subdivision of 3 to 10 lots. Surface mining is discussed in the third part of the book. The final section offers ideas for designing and placing signs to advertise a business on your property.

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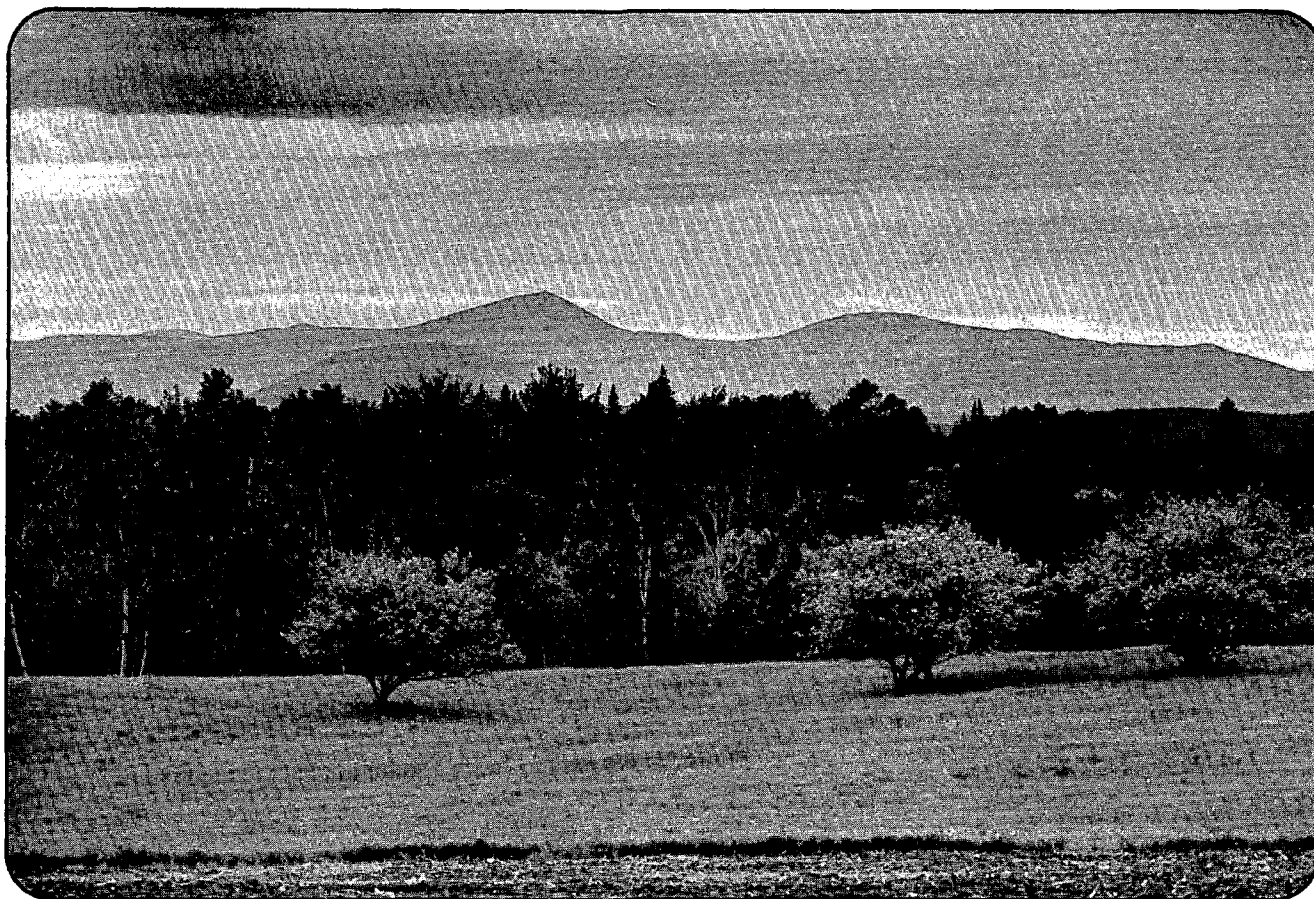


Erosion Control on Logging Jobs

This section is written for small woodlot owners, woods operators, and contractors. It explains how to plan and lay out skid and truck roads, and how to avoid erosion problems on logging roads. The section concludes with a short explanation of the laws that woodlot owners, operators, and contractors need to know about before they begin a harvest operation.

Controle de l'Erosion dans les Chantiers

Cette Section a été écrite pour les propriétaires de petites terres à bois. Elle décrit les façons de préparer et de disposer les sentiers et les chemins de camionnage et de débuscage, et les façons de modifier les chemins pour éviter l'érosion. La Section se termine avec une courte description des lois que les propriétaires de lots à bois, les opérateurs et les contracteurs devraient connaître avant de commencer la coupe du bois.



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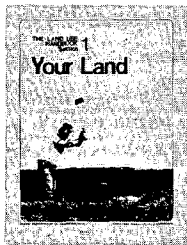
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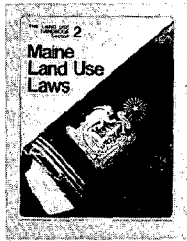
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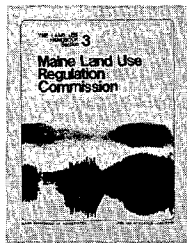
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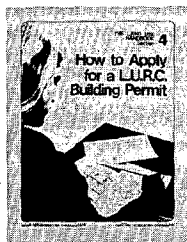
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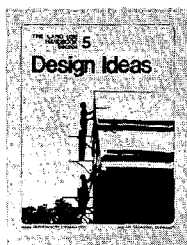
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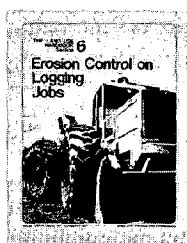
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